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For: METHOD OF EVALUATING CHROMOSOME STATE AND EVALUATION SYSTEM

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Applicants submit herewith a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated January 6, 2009 and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof.

All listed references cited therein¹ were previously submitted to the USPTO in an Information Disclosure Statement filed January 24, 2006.

¹ 1. JP 5-172810 A, published July 13, 1993;

2. JP 2001-92980 A, published April 6, 2001;

3. LOUIS A. PARADA et al., "Chromosome Positioning in the Interphase Nucleus", Trends in Cell Biology, 9 September 2002, pages 425-432, Vol. 12 No. 9

4. HIDEYUKI TANABA, "Chromosome Territory: Recent Advancement of Studies on Interphase Chromosome Positioning in Relation to Nuclear Architecture", Environmental Mutagen Research, April 2003, pages 11-22, Vol. 25 No. 1

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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